

HOUSE BILL 1397

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EMERGENCY BILL

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Fire Station Closing and Realignment Citizens' Review Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Baltimore City Fire Station Closing and
4 Realignment Citizens' Review Board; providing for the membership, terms, and
5 duties of the Board; providing for the chair of the Board; providing that a
6 member of the Board may not receive compensation as a member of the Board
7 but may receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Board to
8 study the distribution of certain fire stations and fire and rescue services in
9 Baltimore City, hear evidence on fire station closings and fire service
10 realignments in Baltimore City, and make certain recommendations to the
11 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; making this Act an emergency measure;
12 and generally relating to the Baltimore City Fire Station Closing and
13 Realignment Citizens' Review Board.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 7–404
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 **7–404.**

23 **(A) THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY FIRE STATION CLOSING AND**
24 **REALIGNMENT CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

2 **(1) ONE MEMBER FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN**
3 **BALTIMORE CITY, APPOINTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
4 **FOR THAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT; AND**

5 **(2) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF**
6 **BALTIMORE.**

7 **(C) THE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF**
8 **BALTIMORE SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.**

9 **(D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS AND BEGINS ON JUNE 1**
10 **OF THE YEAR OF APPOINTMENT.**

11 **(2) AT THE END OF A TERM, THE APPOINTED MEMBER**
12 **CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

13 **(3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN**
14 **SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS**
15 **APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

16 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD:**

17 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
18 **BOARD; BUT**

19 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
20 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
21 **BUDGET.**

22 **(F) THE BOARD SHALL:**

23 **(1) STUDY THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE AND**
24 **RESCUE SERVICES IN BALTIMORE CITY;**

25 **(2) HEAR EVIDENCE ON FIRE STATION CLOSINGS AND SERVICE**
26 **REALIGNMENTS IN BALTIMORE CITY; AND**

27 **(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY**
28 **COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE BASED ON CONVINCING EVIDENCE THE BOARD**
29 **OBTAINS THROUGH ITS STUDY OF AND HEARINGS ON THE CLOSURE AND**
30 **REALIGNMENT OF FIRE STATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
3 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
4 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
5 the date it is enacted.